



County of Los Angeles  
Department of Public Social Services

Bryce Yokomizo  
Director

May 29, 2002

**TO:** Each Supervisor

**FROM:** Bryce Yokomizo, Director

**SUBJECT: WATTS HEALTH FOUNDATION, INC. EMPLOYABILITY SCREENINGS**

This is to notify you that on May 28, 2002, Carolyn Holmes, Interim CEO, WATTS Health Foundation, Inc. (WATTS) advised my staff of a three-day work stoppage beginning today. WATTS performs the employability screenings for General Relief applicants/participants. The three-day strike will impact five of our 14 General Relief districts.

The strike is related to employee demands for a severance package. As you know, the WATTS contract is on a month-to-month extension until the new contracts are in place on July 1, 2002. In addition to the 3-day strike issue, with employees leaving the organization to seek other employment, WATTS stated they will have insufficient employees remaining to perform the services needed in June.

Therefore, we are looking at alternatives to minimize service disruptions for our participants until the new contracts are effective, including possibly having the new contractors begin providing services in June instead of July.

I will update you by the end of the week.

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c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel

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